

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By **SEN. KEN TOOLE**, on March 7, 2005 at 8 A.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jim Elliott, Chairman (D)
Sen. Jon Ellingson (D)
Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)
Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R)
Sen. Kim Gillan (D)
Sen. Dan Harrington (D)
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)
Sen. Bob Story Jr. (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)
Sen. Sam Kitzenberg (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Kathleen Ely, Committee Secretary
Lee Heiman, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 505, 3/2/2005; HB 54, 3/2/2005
Executive Action: None.

00:00:20

HEARING ON SB 505

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. LANE LARSON (D), SD 22, opened the hearing on **SB 505**,
Authorize city or town to impose a local option motor fuel excise
tax.

[EXHIBIT\(tas50a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas50a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony:

00:04:19 **Harold Blattie, Montana Association of County
Officials**

[EXHIBIT\(tas50a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas50a04\)](#)

00:11:55 **Ronna Alexander, Montana Petroleum Marketers**

Informational Testimony:

00:17:00 **D. John Blacker, Department of Transportation**

00:17:36

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:29:12 **Alec Hansen, Montana League of Cities and Towns**

00:31:52

Closing by Sponsor:

00:33:17

HEARING ON HB 54

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. VERONICA SMALL-EASTMAN (D), HD 42, opened the hearing on **HB
54**, Credit card payment of taxes administered by the Department
of Revenue.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:35:31 Neil Peterson, Department of Revenue

EXHIBIT(tas50a05)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

00:48:46

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:45:01

Closing by Sponsor:

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 8:48 A.M.

SEN. KEN TOOLE, Chairman

KATHLEEN ELY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([tas50aad0.TIF](#))